

**May 2010** 

#### **City Council Members:**

- Mike Winder, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Carolynn Burt, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Russ Brooks, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

#### **Public Meetings**

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

#### **City Phone Numbers:**

801-955-4000 Garbage Questions 801-955-3720 Storm Water Utility.. 801-963-3448 Housing Authority . 801-963-3320 Parks and Rec....... 801-955-4000 Harman Home ...... 801-965-5822

Stonebridge Golf Course......801-957-9000

West Ridge Golf Course.....

801-965-5800

Graffiti Hot Line ..... 801-963-3467 Animal Services..... 801-965-5800

Victims Services .... 801-963-3223

Ordinance Compliance .....

801-963-3289

Utah Cultural Celebration Center ..... 801-965-5100

Website: www.wvc-ut.gov

West Valley City Hall 3600 S. Constitution Blvd. WVC, UT 84119

> City Hall Hours: Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

#### **Let's All Work Together**

A Message from Councilman Russ Brooks

This is the time of year when people are eagerly waiting to get outside to do some work in their yards. We have had a long winter and rainy spring and we're all anxious to start cleaning up our properties so they look better than they did last year.

I would like to remind all residents of West Valley City what your elected officials and City leaders have put in place to help us accomplish these projects:

- (1) Bulky Waste Pick Up: This gives all of us the chance once a month to place bulky items on the curb to be picked up by our garbage contractor. Items including tree limbs (bundled), furniture, appliances and other bulky objects can be easily disposed of without going to the dump.
- (2) Neighborhood Dumpster Program: Once a year neighborhoods in the City can arrange to have large dumpsters place throughout their area to allow people to clean up their properties. Dumpsters are scheduled to be in an area for 1-3 days and must be coordinated through the Public Works Department at (801) 955-3720.

Every year, West Valley City does a Citizen Satisfaction Survey, and year after year the results show that these are two of the most utilized and favorite programs in our city. Here are some suggestions for you and your neighbors to get the most out of these unique services:

- (1) Get together with your neighbors and help the elderly to clean up their properties; this is a great opportunity for the youth to help make the City better.
- (2) Provide the use of your chain saw, truck, or other tools for people to get their garbage gathered up and to the dumpster.
- (3) Hold a neighborhood party at the end of clean up so all can come together to celebrate their accomplishments.

I hope that this spring will be enjoyable, and that you will take advantage of these programs to help make West Valley City a better place.





### Were you born in 1980 during the month of July?

If you, your children or grandchildren or anyone you know share a birthday with Utah's Second Largest City and are now, or were, residents of West Valley City during July 1980, you are eligible to win a limited edition "30 Years of Progress Collector Pin." The first 30 confirmed\* July 1980 birthdays that are submitted to www.wvc-ut.gov/30th in April, May and June each month will win. You will be notified by a return e-mail only if you are one of the first 30 winners each month.

All monthly winners will be eligible for a drawing for the "Grand Birthday Present." The drawing will take place on July 6, 2010 at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center during the Summer Concert Series featuring the Utah Symphony. You must attend the birthday celebration on July 6, 2010 to win the prize presented by the West Valley City Mayor and Council.

\*confirmation will include some simple questions when notified. You will not be required to provide any personal information such as a driver's license or birth certificate.

## Tips to Prevent a Vehicle Burglary

By Office Devin Novara

Vehicle burglary prevention, like most crime prevention, involves limiting the criminal's ability and/or opportunity to commit the crime. With very little time and effort, you can make a huge difference in your vulnerability to vehicle burglary. It generally only takes a mere few seconds to secure your valuables; unfortunately,



it will also only a take few seconds for a thief to break in and steal valuables left in plain sight. Below are a few common things that may prevent you from becoming a victim.

**Don't leave valuables in your car.** That sounds like "common sense," but vehicle owners leave items of value in plain view every day.

If you must leave valuable items in your car while out and about, place items out of sight before reaching your destination or move them inconspicuously. This includes packages, backpacks, gym bags, GPS units, MP3 players, and so forth. Someone may be watching when you put items under a seat or throw something over them.

**Leave no trace.** Don't leave any "sign" that there might be valuables out of sight in your vehicle, such as docking stations or connector cables. Leave nothing in plain sight that might make your vehicle worth "investigating" by a thief – not even loose coins or CDs.

Try to park in busy, well-lighted areas. Try to park in well-traveled areas. Thieves hit large parking lots much more often than areas immediately adjacent to residential housing or other occupied buildings.

Lock ALL Your Vehicle's Doors. Lock all doors even if you plan to be gone for only a brief time. Every year, items are stolen from unlocked vehicles where the owner was only going to be gone "just for a second."

**Set Your Car Alarm or Anti-theft Device.** If you have one, use it! Many people believe that car-alarms no longer make a difference, but they can be an effective deterrent to an auto-burglar, who most often chooses the easiest target.

**Do Not Leave Keys In Your Car.** Never leave your keys in the ignition or in the car at all. Also, if you can avoid it, never use a hide a key. Criminals know where the most common hiding spots are.

Most commonly stolen items include: Cash, coins, DVD's/CD's, computers, iPods, GPS devices, stereos, mail, gym bags, backpacks, cell phones - ANYTHING in plain sight!

Report all suspicious activity, including: persons sitting in vehicles for extended periods of time; individuals looking into vehicles or trying the door handles; vehicles driving slow around parking lots for prolonged time periods.

BE ALERT, BE AWARE, and be prepared to BE A GOOD WITNESS!

#### Come Learn to Save a Life

FREE CPR classes taught by West Valley Fire Department Paramedics

Class Dates:
May 18, 6 – 8pm
May 22, 10am – 12 noon
May 25, 6pm – 8pm

Classes will be held at the Community Preservation Building (4522 West 3500 South). Class size is limited to 30 people. Participants must be at least 8 years old. Minors must have parental supervision. To register send an email to Mary.lindsay@wvc-ut.gov or Kris.Romijn@wvc-ut.gov, or call 801-963-3336.

\*This is a non-certification class



# Recreational Burning in West Valley City

The West Valley City Fire Prevention Division receives many calls asking about recreational burning and small fire places at residences and churches this time of year. While the burning of yard waste and garbage is prohibited in Salt Lake County, small fires for gatherings and cooking are allowed. However, there are regulations that apply for the safety of the community and must be followed for any recreational fire. Please use the information available below to become familiar with all of the rules that apply and plan your recreational fire with safety in mind.



- Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous are prohibited.
- · Recreational burning is only be allowed on "Green Burn Days"
- Wind conditions must be favorable for neighborhood burning. Smoke may not cross over a neighbor's fence line without their permission.
- Fire must be kept contained at a reasonable size for the back or side yard area and small enough to control. (Bon fires are not allowed.)
- Cooking, educational or small event ambiance fires are allowed.
- Recreational fires should not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- Flammable or combustible liquids should not be used at or near a fire.
- Small children should not be left unattended or play at or near the fire or fire pit.
- Open burning or recreational fires should be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- Prior to the event, it is required that the neighbors be notified of the time and location of the fire event. VECC or Dispatch must be informed of the fire. (801- 840-4000).

To view the entire recreational burning document please refer to our website at www.wvc-ut.gov/fire, or contact the Fire Prevention Division at 801-963-3336.



#### Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities 4090 South 3600 West 801-965-5822

The Harman Senior Recreation Center is a recreation and activity center for active seniors, offering a variety of fun and exciting classes, outings, and adventures. The Harman Center also offers a variety of informational seminars specifically for seniors.

#### May

- 19 Noteable Angels Entertainment,
- **20** Drivers' Safety Class, 10 a.m.
- **20** Ice Cream (by Beehive Homes), 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Volunteer Party, 5 p.m.
- 21 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.
- 24 Movie Monday
- 24 Sign Language, 10 a.m.
- **26** Klowns at Kearns Center, 11 a.m.
- 31 Memorial Day, Harman Center Closed

For a complete calendar, visit www.wvc-ut.gov/harman.

#### **Weekly Activities**

Sign Language – Mondays, 10 a.m.

Chess Club – Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.

**Line Dancing** – Mondays, 12:30 p.m.

Ceramics - Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Railroad Club – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.

**Tai Chi** – Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., FREE

**Bingo** – Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

**Choir** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

**Drama Class** – Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Billiards and Cards - Daily

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:

West Valley City
Update Newsletter
3600 South
Constitution Blvd.
West Valley City,
UT 84119

or E-mail: info@wvc-ut.gov



- 14 High Desert Splash
  Watercolor Exhibit
  (through June 28)
  Utah Cultural Celebration
  Center
- 18 FREE CPR Class
  Community Preservation/
  Animal Shelter, 6-8 p.m.
- 19 Cirque Du Soleil
  Alegria
  (through May 23)
  The E Center, Multiple
  Shows Daily
- 22 FREE CPR Class
  Community Preservation/
  Animal Shelter, 6-8 p.m.
- 25 FREE CPR Class
  Community Preservation/
  Animal Shelter, 6-8 p.m.
- 26 Smucker's Stars on Ice The E Center, 7 p.m.
- 31 Memorial Day Holiday
  City Offices Closed

#### <u>June</u>

- High Desert Splash
   Watercolor Exhibit
   (through June 28)
   Utah Cultural Celebration
   Center
- Milk with the Mayor
  City Hall, 4:30 p.m. to
  5:30 p.m.
- 5 Fabolous
  The E Center, 7 p.m.



West Valley City has a full-time Graffiti Specialist dedicated to removing graffiti on thoroughfares and public properties throughout the City. In addition, he has resources available to assist residents in removing graffiti from their own private properties. For more information, visit www.wvc-ut.gov/graffiti or call (801) 963-3420.

West Valley City Arts Council Presents

PETER PAN

**Utah Cultural Celebration Center** 

8:00 pm, June 23-26, 28, 29

www.CulturalCelebration.org

1355 West 3100 South 801-965-5100



General Admission

all amphitheater seating

\$5.00 per person

\$20.00 family